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Review of draft of IPC Albania (TS)

1. As you know, at the time we submitted a contribution to subject list we recommended that geodesy and mapping be included under the 1st Priority. This was based on our conviction that the topographic maps and geodetic data were essential to any successful countering action against the USSR, particularly as related to our ability to locate potential targets including missile launching sites. Information from both the Air Force and the Army bolstered this conviction.

2. We find in the attached draft that mapping and geodesy are relegated to a 2nd priority. We still believe that the collection of maps belongs in Priority I, under I. C. We are attaching a new draft contribution for consideration by the IPC committee. This draft is considerably shorter than the original; however, in view of its place in the list and its relation to guided missiles, it is sufficient. Supplemental guide requirements will furnish all required details in depth.

3. This entire subject has again been discussed with the Department of the Army. They are firmly convinced that mapping should be 1st priority and they are now undertaking a review of the matter with the object of urging that both the Army and the Air Force representatives on the IPC committee make a strong case to include mapping under Priority I, not only for this Albanian list but for the Soviet Union list and all the other Satellites.

4. Although we have not seen a copy of a draft of the USSR list, we understand that mapping has been rated II.c. The argument and discussion herein applies even more strongly in that case. We therefore recommend that reconsideration be given to the USSR list and all the Satellites at the next meeting of the IPC which will be held next week.

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Attachment:

Suggested Revision for IPC List on
Albania

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RECOMMENDED REVISIONS FOR IFC LIST ON ALBANIA

OBJECTIVE I, c.

(A) GUIDES AND BALLISTIC MISSILES

Basic Requirements

Paragraph (as shown)

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(ADD) Collection of post-World War II topographic maps at scales of 1:25,000, 1:50,000, or 1:100,000 and related geodetic data of Albania is required to obtain target location information vital to the ability of the U. S. to successfully counter a possible Soviet missile attack.

No.	TARGET	LOCATION
1.	(As listed)	
2.	(As listed)	
(ADD) 3.	Topographic Branch, Ministry of Defense	Tirana N 41-20, E 19-45
(ADD) 4.	Military Printing House	Tirana

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